GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3405
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AUTHENTICITY OF NARCO TEST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the science behind the NARCO-Analysis is outdated;

(b) if so, whether the method of conducting the tests is far from satisfactory and is liable to have side effects which ultimately may prove dangerous; and

(c) if so, the time by when these tests are likely to be banned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): The constitutionality of the NARCO Analysis test in its totality as a tool of investigation in criminal cases has been challenged through Criminal Appeal No. 1267 of 2004 in the matter of Selvi and others vs. State of Karnataka before the Supreme Court of India.

The Supreme Court of India has not yet pronounced a verdict.